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## A TRIBUTE

It is with deep sincerity and fullest sympathetic concurrence that The Nittany Cub reprints the following Advisory Board letter of tribute to the memory of J. Elmer Reed, originator of the idea of a Penn State Center in Erie:

Mr. Robert C. Reed  
1942 E. Shore Drive  
Erie, Pa.

Dear Mr. Reed:

On motion duly made and seconded, it is unanimously RESOLVED, that with a profound sense of the loss which they have sustained, the Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania State College, Behrend Center, offers its highest tribute to the memory of J. Elmer Reed, one of its members.

The Board recognizes the important part he took and the invaluable aid he gave in the establishment of Behrend Center through his initial inspiration, and by his ever-present desire to promote the interests of the community in which he lived.

With sincere sorrow, the Board causes this expression of his qualities and its deep regret at his death to be entered on the records and directs that a copy be sent to Mr. Reed's family with assurance of deep sympathy.

Sincerely yours,  
R. C. Henzi, Secretary  
Advisory Board

## Center Chatter

By Sal Dickson

Since we have all been away for so long, it's about time we all heard the latest dirt.

Tom Pearce thought he reached the "Arch of Triumph" but Rose Larsen told him "Sorry, Wrong Number." We thought he had the "Luck of the Irish".

Wes Pfirman still looks forward to Saturday nights cause he knows he has "A Date With Judy".

Rumor has it that Joan Baudino and Don Blair are "Angels With Dirty Faces" but they claim its just "An Innocent Affair".

It looks like J. P. Painter just didn't have the "Velvet Touch" when a few of the dorm girls got sick!

Lately Ray Reed has been "Good News" to Dody Fisher and they seem to be having "The Time of Their Lives".

Bob Gallagher and Carole McKrell are still experiencing the "Thrill of a Romance".

Bill Klaban sure looked like "The Paleface" when a "Lady in the Dark" just happened to over hear he and Don Blair discussing things.

Bill Richards is telling everyone that he is still having good luck with "My Favorite Brunette" and he sighs "All This and Heaven Too".

Frances Finesod is held "Spell-

bound" when people talk about "JOHNNY Belinda".

Harvey's ship may have been in Erie but by now it is "Gone with the Wind".

When Benny finished taking his history test he was looking for "The Razors Edge".

"Red" Linder and Nan Bierman enjoyed their trip to New York on a "Luxury Liner".

Jim Mullard, Al Leibau and Jim's car are getting to be known as the "Three Musketeers" around campus.

John Pagonis is still telling a certain brunette "I've Always Loved You".

If the fellows in Chem lab don't lay off that acid we are going to have to "Kiss The Boys Goodbye." (Thanks, Rita)

Dick Dunn has us all confused, he seems to be leading a "Double Life".

John and C. Y. have had a lot of experience watching the "Moonrise".

Lois, Lee, and Mary have named the dorm "Holiday Inn".

Prediction of the Week: Everyone had a super time on their "Christmas Holiday".

Quotation of the Week: "Every Girl Should Get Married."

Couple of the week: Don Mallick and Frank Thompson.

Question of the Week: Who will be our "June Bride"?

## Know Your Faculty

Platon Gottlund, physics and mathematics instructor who will handle the chores of instruction of recreational skiing for Behrend Center's students on their coming winter layout, garnered his skiing experience during a varied career.

Born at Tavastehus in central Finland in 1910. Mr. Gottlund didn't have to wait long before he learned to ski. His parents presented him with his first skis at the age of six, and from then until he was twelve he skied continually.

Axel W. Gottlund, Platon's father, was an excellent skier at the time, having won several scholastic skijoring titles, skijoring being a winter sport in which a person on skis is drawn over snow or ice, usually by a horse.

Following quickly in his father's footsteps, or rather in his ski tracks, Platon soon had the art of skiing under control almost as second nature.

He, himself, won a few skijoring titles, but he says he often wondered at first if he was ever going to learn the tricky art of combining strength and balance while guiding a galloping horse with one hand at the end of 20-foot reins.

"Making turns gave me my most trouble," laughed Mr. Gottlund the other day. "More than once I found myself ending up head first in a snow bank while learning."

After awhile, however, as a boy he thought nothing of setting off for his grandmother's at Christmas time and skiing 37 miles in a day, then resting overnight and skiing 37 more miles, or 60 kilometers as he likes to put it.

"Oh yes," he grinned before this reporter could get the question out, "we took a packed lunch along or else we stopped at one of the numerous hostels along the way."

Actually Mr. Gottlund did most of his younger skiing in Russia where his parents had moved when his father joined the Russian Army. There, however, he said, skiing was done more as a necessity than for pleasure. He and his brother often used to spend most of a day on their skis while traveling about for work.

"A common sight in Siberia at the time," said the Behrend instructor, "were the long slow trains of people on sleds and skis, being pulled by tractors."

Although the Gottlunds lived on a big ranch in the eastern part of European Russia near the Ural Mountains for about eight years, they had to clear out when the Revolution started.

Platon's father joined the White Army as a colonel and commanded a cavalry regiment all through the winter of 1919 in an effort to stem the onrush of the Bolshevik Reds. The Whites had to give ground, however, and the Gottlund family soon found itself pushed all the way into China's Manchuria near Harbin.

"We had no thoughts of skiing then," said Mr. Gottlund. "Our family just managed to escape to Shanghai where we got a ship to Italy, and then moved by land through France, Germany, and Denmark. And finally we caught a steamer to Helsingfors, not too far from our new home in lower Finland."

Shortly thereafter, with his 13th birthday celebrated aboard a liner in the Atlantic, Platon and his family landed in New York. Soon



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after this they piled into a Model T Ford and rumbled off to California where he finished his formal education in the high schools and colleges of that state.

Not until 1940, though, did Mr. Gottlund renew his skiing interest. Since then he has been skiing regularly, with four years in the United States Forces European Theater as a major in the military intelligence sandwiched in.

His skiing trips in America include those to Yosemite National Park, the easy Sky Top run in the Pocono Mountains, the "Big Bromley" resort in Vermont, and California's Donner Summit probably his toughest-where one finds such famous ski runs as the "Sugar Bowl" and others.

During the war he flew to Paris in a luxurious DC-4; and from there he operated to Leipzig, Vienna, Budapest, Bucharest, and even Belgrade.

For one thing Mr. Gottlund's pupils can be sure their skiing instructor has covered many kinds of trails so far in his life; he certainly doesn't seem to lack all around experience for his job.

## Ski Club to Receive Bobsled And Toboggans

Mr. Platon Gottlund, Behrend ski coach, said today that Behrend Center might be the proud recipients of two new toboggans and possibly a bobsled sometime this week.

Mr. Sherman Fogg, Assistant Professor of Physical Education at Penn State, is making arrangements to have them sent here immediately. Let's hope it's a white winter!

## Belferman Speaks To French Club

The last meeting of the French Club was held in room 101 of the classroom building recently, and Mr. Belferman, who was stationed in Dakar and Casablanca during the war, told of his experiences in North Africa. He showed pictures of some famous sites, including the Sphinx and the pyramids, and the natives.

Several members of the French class are corresponding with French people living in Canada. This is not only to facilitate the use of the language, but to acquaint the students with the personality and temperament of the Frenchman as an individual.



## BITS OF BOOKS

By Judith Thomas

The Story of Philosophy by Durant is the book for you if you like to pick up something to read and turn to any page for a few minutes of interesting reading. The book contains vivid accounts of the lives and accurate and persuasive presentations of the opinions of the great philosophers from Plato and Socrates to James and Dewey. It is monumental but it is extremely readable. A surface knowledge of the philosophies formulated from Plato's time is almost necessary today to comprehend fully modern literature. Durant presents philosophy in a simple, understandable manner; yet the simplicity of expression never subtracts from the basic substance of the philosophy. It is interesting to see how the great philosopher's perspicacity of matters way above our comprehension did very little to improve their own character or give them happiness. Among the philosophers discussed are Plato, Aristotle, Bacon, Spinoza, Voltaire, Kant, Schopenhauer, Spenser, Nietzsche, Bertrand Russel, Santayana, and John Dewey.

## Salute Given to Behrend Center's "Betsy Ross's"

A tribute is in order for the two Mrs. Thurbons, wife and mother of our own instructor, for the magnificent work they did on the beautiful, colorful Behrend Center banner, which is now displayed above the fireplace in the Student Lounge. The big blue and white banner has given the lounge the finishing touch to make us feel more at home and closer to the main campus.

Behrend Center thanks you, Mesdames Thurbons.

## Registration Set For February 4-5

Registration for second semester classes will be held on the fourth (Friday) and fifth (Saturday) of February. It will be held in the library for the larger part of these days.

All students who are not residents of Erie are free to go home after their last exam on the 27th. It will not be possible for anyone to register in advance.

It is advisable that all students be back by Friday, at least, to make any corrections in schedule. There will be a fee of \$5 for anyone who is late in registering.

You are the first class of Behrend Center. The customs you establish will probably become the traditions of the future classes. Behrend Center is a part of the Pennsylvania State College, we know, but surely a school so beautiful deserves some individuality. We of the Cub staff feel that Behrend Center needs a song of its own, a tune for this and coming classes to sing. This should be written by a student. Your contribution may be an original number or it may be a parody on another song. Come on, Centerites! How about it?